

The B.E.S.T. NEWS

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HOME OF THE LIONS

Principal's Message

The holidays mark many important moments, a time to be thankful, a time to celebrate, the beginning of a new year, and the ending of the grading period. The Brookfield staff believes that communication between home and school is critical to providing an effective learning environment. For this reason, we have set aside time this year to meet with parents regarding student progress before the winter break. On December 16th, 17th, and 18th, the school has scheduled 3 minimum days specifically to distribute report cards and to hold parent conferences regarding student progress. Conferences will include a time to discuss your child's strengths and challenges, highlight growth, and to set goals. Please arrange to meet with your child's teacher during the parent conference times.

Marie Roberts, Principal



Principals' Coffee

Please join us on December 8, at 9:00 for our monthly Principal Café. Bring your questions, comments, suggestions and compliments.



Give a Grateful Lion's Roar!

100 Black Men of the Bay Area donated and distributed 32 turkeys to Brookfield families over the Thanksgiving holidays. Special thanks to Keith Robertson, Derrick Smith, and Richard Scott for caring about our community! Also, a special thank you to Ms. Modise, Ms. Sanders, Ms. Hukill, Ms. Mayorga, Mr. Torres and Mr. Davis for their help with the event.



More on Parent –Teacher Conferences:

Here are some topics/questions you may want to discuss.

Progress

Ask if your child is performing at grade level. What is his/her reading level? What is the expected reading level for a student in his/her grade?

- How will you know if your child is meeting grade level expectations as the year progresses?
- Ask what your child does well. Where does he or she struggle? Tell the teacher what you think are your child's strengths. Explain what he or she needs more help with.

Assignments and Assessments

- Ask to see examples of your child's classwork. Ask how the teacher gives grades.
- Ask what your child is expected to learn, know and do at this grade level. How will it be assessed?
- Does your child turn in homework on time?

Social Emotional Learning

- Does my child participate in class?
- What would make my child a more effective learner?

Support Learning at Home

Ask what you can do at home to help your child learn. Talk with the teacher to develop a plan for what you will do.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED DURING WINTER BREAK , DECEMBER 21, 2015 - JANUARY 1, 2016.



Ride the Reading Train



Under the leadership of Ms. Wilson, we have implemented a new process to display and celebrate our students' reading and writing progress. At the entrance of the school you will find our new Reading Train. Each of the train's cars carry a book report. These reports are completed by students once they have finished reading a book at their reading level. Be sure to look for your child's report.

A special thank you to Mr. Jesus Guerrero for creating the train engine, and to the following parents for their assistance with creating and posting the train cars: Maria Reveles, Angelica Reves, and Norma Morales.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 1, 2015
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING
3:30 P.M. BROOKFIELD AUDITORIUM

DECEMBER 8, 2015
PRINCIPAL'S CAFE
9:00 AM, BROOKFIELD AUDITORIUM

DECEMBER 16, 2015
WINTER ASSEMBLY AUDITORIUM
K - 2ND GRADE: 9:00AM
GRADES 3-5: 10:45AM

DECEMBER 16, 17, AND 18, 2015
PARENT CONFERENCES/MINIMUM DAYS
SCHOOL IS OUT AT 1:30 ON EACH DAY

DECEMBER 21, 2015 – JANUARY 1, 2016
WINTER BREAK
SCHOOL CLOSED



Volunteers Needed

We have an immediate need for volunteers to assist with putting student book reports in the Reading Train, making student multiplication cards, and helping parking lot and in the front of the school in the mornings and the afternoons. Please let us know if you can help.



A special Lion's roar to Nidia Pacho for all her work helping to separate the many donated books we received from the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area organization.

Parent Announcement:

You are invited to attend parent meetings at the Brookfield Elementary School Parent Center every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00am-10:30 am. Meetings are held in the Parent Center located in portable 30.